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COLUMBIA LAND WILL BE TESTED FOR OIL

Local Business Men Form Temporary Organization to Develop Property.

TO SINK TEST WELL

Experts Contend That Oil-Containing Ridge Runs Near This City.

A county corporation, with a probable capitalization of \$10,000, enough to develop the property, will be formed shortly in Columbia to develop the oil property in the north-west portion of Columbia, if the tests now being conducted show enough percentage of oil to make its extraction a profitable commercial enterprise.

A temporary organization was formed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of a number of real estate and business men in the directors' room of the Boone County Trust Company. Each man present was assessed \$10 to defray the expense of sinking the test well, the lawyers fees and to help in obtaining oil leases from the owners of the property.

The test well now being sunk on the property of J. H. Sapp at its present depth of six hundred feet has shown a gratifying percentage of oil. The well will be sunk to a depth of fifteen hundred feet, at which point it will be known without a doubt whether there is enough oil present to make its extraction profitable. The cost of sinking the well is anywhere from one to four dollars a foot, depending on the kind of ground that is encountered. According to the advice of an Oklahoma expert who has looked over the property, if the well is shot with dynamite at a depth of five hundred feet, any oil present will gush up.

There is oil in Illinois, and oil in Oklahoma and Columbia, if Professor E. A. Fessenden's contention is correct. The oil is supposed to be in the ride of oil-containing land running from near Salem, Ill., through to Oklahoma.

That of all the stratas of rock and soil tested, only one indicates no oil, and nine indicate a plentiful supply, is the statement of one of the oil experts from Oklahoma now in the company's employ.

There is no trouble in getting leases, since by the terms of the lease, the owners are permitted to take for personal use some of the oil and gas found on their property, besides being paid for the privilege of having wells bored, and a percentage of the output.

The officers of the temporary organization are: S. C. Hunt, president; S. F. Conley, secretary; and R. B. Price, Jr., treasurer. Among the members are: S. C. Hunt, F. S. Conley, C. B. Miller, S. H. Levy, J. A. Hudson, A. M. Schwabe, Carl Kerr, H. H. Banks, William Farley and Ira T. G. Stone.

Ben Hutchison, a representative of the Standard Oil Company, was in Columbia some time ago, with testing apparatus for use in drilling for oil in Fayette, where some oil has been found, according to S. H. Levy of Columbia.

MISS JAMISON TO MARRY

Wedding of Columbia Girl and Milton Taylor Here Tomorrow.

Miss Ruth Jamison, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jamison, 1113 Ash street, will be married tomorrow evening to Milton A. Taylor, of Steffenville, Mo., at the bride's home. The Rev. T. W. Young will officiate.

Miss Jamison is a graduate of Columbia High School, and for the last few years has been in the voice department at Stephens College under the tutelage of Mrs. R. E. Lucas and in the Kelly Alexander School of Music.

Mr. Taylor was graduated from the School of Law last June.

The couple will make their home in Steffenville, where Mr. Taylor is engaged in business.

His Cattle Have Texas Fever.

J. D. Duncan, a farmer living south of Millersburg, called on Dr. H. C. Tuck of Columbia Monday to attend to his cattle after four had died of Texas fever. Doctor Tuck says that it is probable that the cattle contracted the fever on the railroad car when they were being shipped from Kansas City, where they were bought.

RED TOP TO MARK 94TH YEAR

Boone County Church Organized in 1822; Celebration Oct. 5.

The Red Top Christian Church, one and one-fourth miles west of Hallsville in Boone County, will celebrate its ninety-fourth anniversary October 5. The church was established on October 5, 1822.

The Rev. A. J. Bush of Dallas, Tex., now nearly seventy years old, who grew up in the Red Top Community and was ordained in the Red Top Church, will be present.

The Red Top Church Board has sent out letters to all its former members, asking them to attend the anniversary celebration, or, if they cannot be present, to send letters regarding experiences since they left the community.

An all-day meeting will be held. Dinner will be served on the ground.

Dean G. D. Edwards of the Bible College of Missouri will address the assembly.

TO TALK ON ORIENT

Prof. Frank Lee Martin to Address State Press Association.

Frank L. Martin of the School of Journalism left this afternoon for Kansas City, where he will attend the Saturday meetings of the Missouri Press Association. Professor Martin will address the journalists tomorrow evening at their annual banquet on "The Journalism of Japan."

Dean Water Williams and J. B. Powell of the School of Journalism have been attending all the meetings of the association, which began yesterday. Mr. Powell opened today's session with a talk on "Advertising Rates," while Dean Williams will also address the editors.

Mayor Edwards of Kansas City in his welcoming talk yesterday told the editors of some ways in which they could help Kansas City. He pointed out the increasing cost of the social service program of the big cities and the limitations of the cities' taxing power under the present laws.

As a remedy for this condition the mayor suggested separating the city and county tax assessments, permission for the city to purchase public service utilities if necessary and charge the bonded debt against the utility and not against the general debt, thus making for power and home rule in police affairs in Kansas City. He invited the editors to notice the city conditions and help them, if they could.

Where there are two or more newspapers in small towns, they should double up and double their prices, said J. Kelly Pool, president of the association, in his annual address yesterday afternoon. The publisher of the Centralia Courier thought this was the only way out for the small town newspaper in the face of increasing prices of all materials. This is the day of fewer, better and higher-priced papers, he continued and consolidation of the papers would be better not only for the papers but the public as well.

In closing Mr. Pool urged a wider sphere of influence and enlarged activities for the organization during the coming year.

Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the Missouri Press Association, has just completed a history of the fifty years of the organization. The record shows that the association has always taken the lead not only in the development of the press of the state, but also in every worthy project for upbuilding Missouri.

Among its principal achievements was the obtaining of the Missouri School of Journalism. The editors began working for this twenty years ago and kept right at it until the present school was established in 1907.

The association has also been right behind the University and the normal schools in their fight for more adequate funds. It founded the State Historical Society in 1898 after a short campaign, and has been working for good roads since 1901. Educating the people as well as the editors has been one of the strong points of the organization.

Miss Enid Patterson to Teach.

Miss Enid L. Patterson of Augusta, Mo., who was graduated from the School of Education last June, will teach German and Latin in the Oklahoma Presbyterian College at Durant, Okla., the coming year.

MISSOURI UNION GETS FOUR LIFE MEMBERS

President A. Ross Hill Heads List by Giving One Hundred Dollar Check.

TO OCCUPY BUILDING

Campaign Will Start This Fall to Boost the University.

President A. Ross Hill, J. S. Brown of Chicago, a graduate of the University in the class of 1891, R. B. Caldwell and Gardner Lathrop of Chicago, graduate of the University in 1867, are the first four men to send in their checks for \$100 for life membership in the Missouri Union. A progressive campaign will be inaugurated this fall by the Union to get 100 more life memberships at \$100 each to provide the necessary \$10,000 to get the organization effectively started and to begin the work of boosting the University.

The board of directors of the Union will meet on Saturday, September 23 to take under advisement the most important problems of the organization, among them being the advisability of opening a building for the Union this year. At the last session of the board a committee was appointed to report on available buildings for this purpose. This committee will report to the board at the meeting on September 23. H. H. Kinyon, University Publisher, said this morning that the committee would be able to report on several excellent temporary quarters for the Union.

The primary purpose of the Union is to bring all students, all alumni, all faculty members and former faculty members into an effective, energetic organization to promote the best interests of the University in whatever way they can.

The officers of the Missouri Union are, President, R. B. Caldwell, Kansas City; vice-president, Ray E. Miller, a student; recording secretary, Don Patterson, a student; corresponding secretary, H. H. Kinyon, University publisher and alumni recorder, and treasurer, S. F. Conley of Columbia.

The board of directors, which will meet on September 23, is composed of the following: Alumni members, Gardner Lathrop, E. W. Stephens, C. B. Rollins, T. T. Crittenden, Jr., Judge C. B. Faris, Mrs. E. F. Nelson, R. B. Caldwell, G. H. Moore and F. C. Donnell; faculty members, Prof. George Lefevre and President A. Ross Hill; student members, Carson Cowherd, H. B. Wait, George Duren, Glenn Johnson, D. J. Owen, Don Patterson, Paul Lomax, D. H. Holloway and Ray E. Miller.

New R. R. Station at Dallas Opens. DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 15.—Dallas' \$5,000,000 union passenger station was opened to the general public today. It is patterned after the big new Kansas City terminal.

WABASH PASSENGERS NOW MISS DEPOT EXIT CHAOS

A mass of wildly gesticulating negroes choking up the exit from the Wabash depot, blocking up the sidewalk, fairly grabbing your suitcase out of your hands, and almost showing you into a taxi by their volubility before you know it, making a hubbub that almost drowns the noise of the panting engine—all that is but a memory now. Gone is another institution familiar to the town, and gladdening the hearts of the incoming students. And as always, the minions of the law are to blame.

Beginning this week the representatives of the various transfer companies and the public taxi companies were assigned definite sections on the station platform just in the shadow of the waiting room, with the limits marked by red lines—red denoting danger. When the passengers come in, the men stand in a row just inside the box limits, and set up their hullabaloo about the unrivaled excellence of their particular service.

No game can develop far without being systematized and rules established. Before, the race was to the most irritating and to the strongest, or to those who were fast on their feet. Now the race is not to the swift but to the strongest-lunged. The local police are unimpressed, and see that no

NATIONAL GUARD MAY BE WITHDRAWN SOON

Washington Telegram Asks Number of Cars Removal Would Necessitate.

CARRANZA ON GUARD

Fear Villa Would Attack Chihuahua City Independence Day.

By United Press. EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 15.—That tentative plans have been made for withdrawing of the national guard from the border was revealed today when telegrams from Washington reached every guard commander, asking how many tourist and stock cars would be necessary to transport the troops back to their respective mobilization points. Guard officers this afternoon are making up a report of the number of cars needed.

When receipt of the telegrams spread over the militia camps here it caused a buzz of excitement among officers, who believe it forecasts an early withdrawal of the guardsmen. Army officers at headquarters, however, pointed out that the actual withdrawal may be weeks or months distant, as this is but the first move. After the homeward movements begin it will require several weeks, as the transportation to their home states of 100,000 troops with limited trackage is a huge problem.

Carranza Guards Against Uprising.

By United Press. JUAREZ, Mexico, Sept. 15.—Extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent revolutionary uprisings here on the occasion of the celebration of national independence day today.

Carranza troops are guarding every street, and civilians carrying arms are being arrested. Only persons registered and known to the officials will be permitted to hear the reading of "Grito" (the Mexican declaration of independence).

It was reported to the military authorities here this afternoon that Villista bandits are pillaging in the outskirts of Chihuahua City. The people feared that Villa will make good his threat to attack the city on independence day.

New Decree Will Revise Government.

By United Press. MEXICO CITY, Mex., Sept. 15.—Mexico is about to secure her place among the republics of the Western Hemisphere, after years of revolutionary disturbances. A decree issued by Carranza on the eve of the anniversary of Mexican independence paves the way for the de facto government to be replaced by a substantial constitutional government.

The decree calls for a revision of several articles of the constitution and makes provisions for the election of members of a national congress. Another decree will be issued tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Fair, cooler tonight with frost in exposed places; lowest temperature about 38. Saturday generally fair, and a little warmer.

For Missouri: Fair and cooler tonight, probably light frost bottom lands of north and west portions; Saturday fair and somewhat warmer.

Weather Conditions.

The cool wave this morning covers all of the country between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian range. Clear skies obtain, and temperatures are remarkably low for so early in the season. Heavy to killing frosts have been general in Alberta, Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, northern Nebraska, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; and light frost in Iowa, northern Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and northwestern Texas. The weather, however, is moderating in the extreme Northwest.

Unsettled, showery and warm weather prevails along the Atlantic coast from Florida to New England.

The crest of the high pressure wave, which is giving the present clear and cool weather, will cross the Mississippi River during the succeeding thirty-six hours, and west of the Mississippi beginning Saturday the weather will turn warmer. Frost will be quite general in Missouri tonight, especially in exposed places.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 72, and the lowest last night was 41; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 57 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 87, and the lowest 67; precipitation, .79.

The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 5:50 a. m. Sun sets, 6:18 p. m.

Moon rises 7:34 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.42	11 a. m.61
8 a. m.47	12 m.62
9 a. m.53	1 p. m.63
10 a. m.58	2 p. m.65

row, calling for the election of a constitutional congress on October 15.

Mexican Troops in Their Place.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 15.—If General Pershing's troops are withdrawn from Mexico, Mexican troops must be sent to replace them, General Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the United States army, told the American commissioners here today.

General Bliss put this proposition squarely before the commissioners this afternoon at the session held aboard the President's private yacht, in a heavy thunderstorm in the Sound. Luis Cabrera, head of the Mexican delegation, replied that he personally believed General Carranza was prepared to send enough troops to relieve Pershing's force but did not desire to commit the Mexican government, he said, without consulting the Mexican City officials.

NEW SECRETARY BEGINS WORK

Victor B. Jones Assumes Duties For Columbia Business Men.

Victor B. Jones, the new secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, assumed his new duties this morning. For the remainder of this week, Mr. Jones will divide his time between the insurance business, which he will leave to take his new office, and the secretaryship.

"I am trying to arrange everything so that I may devote all my time to the association after this week," said Mr. Jones this morning. "As soon as we get the new organization completed, I expect to try out some new plans that I think will be beneficial to the association."

NEW GRADE SCHOOL HERE

Board Will Receive Bids at the Meeting Tonight.

Columbia is to have a new grade school soon on the corner of Range Line and Smith streets. It will be a two-story brick building and will contain six rooms, exclusive of rooms in the basement. The first six grades will be taught at the school.

The Columbia School Board at its meeting tonight in the office of John L. Henry, secretary of the board, will receive bids for the construction of the building. If bids are satisfactory, contracts will be let at the meeting, and construction will begin immediately.

The building will be completed about the first of next June.

\$200,000 Contract to Carruso.

By United Press. NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—At the close of the next opera season, Enrico Carruso will go to Buenos Aires for the summer. He has signed a contract to sing 30 performances, for which he will receive \$200,000. This is \$6,666 a performance, twice his salary at the Metropolitan.

R. A. Kinnaird to Bowling Green.

R. A. Kinnaird, instructor in soils at the College of Agriculture, went to Bowling Green today to work with the farmers in connection with actual demonstrations in liming the soil. He will return to Columbia the first of next week.

BRITISH AND FRENCH ENCIRCLING COMBLES

English Forces Close in on Northwest—French Two Miles Away on East.

AEROPLANES ASSIST

Four Zepps Shot Down, Four Others Damaged—Largest Number in Day.

BY ED. L. KEENE

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Two of the greatest battles fought in Europe in several weeks are now raging along the Somme front in northern France and along a seventy-five mile line in northern Greece.

Allied war offices this evening announced striking victories in both encounters.

British troops have broken the German third line in the great assault inaugurated this morning, said a Reuter dispatch at the British front tonight. It is reported that the village of Fiers, a mile and a half northwest of Ginchy, has been captured.

The British are sweeping eastward toward the village of Morval, about two miles directly north of Comblès, in a great movement that threatens to surround the Germans in Comblès and effect their capture.

The greatest part of the Bouleux wood, a mile northwest of Comblès, has already been captured by General Haig's men.

The British advance, according to fragmentary bulletins announced here tonight, is the greatest made by Haig's men since the opening day of the Allied offensive.

By United Press.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—British troops resumed their great offensive this morning with a powerful blow against the German lines north of the Somme.

General Haig announced this afternoon that the British advanced 200 yards on the front from Bouleux woods, northwest of Comblès, to a point north of the Albert highway. The attack is continuing and many prisoners already have been taken.

Southwest of Thiepval the British last night captured German trenches on a front of 1,000 yards, including the strong Wunderwerk position.

The British used the new type of heavy armored car for the first time in this morning's great smash and with remarkable success, Haig reported.

Four German aeroplanes were shot down in France and four others damaged. On no single day on any front since the beginning of the war have so many aeroplanes been put out of commission.

British air forces co-operated splendidly with the infantry in the attack, flying low and turning machine guns on German infantry.

French But Two Miles From Comblès.

By United Press.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—French troops last night captured a series of German trenches south of Bancourt by a spirited attack, advancing their lines to the edge of the village two miles east of Comblès, it was officially announced tonight. All German counter-attacks, both north and south of the Somme, were repulsed.

The German attacked just east of Clercy but were checked with heavy losses.

South of the Somme a German grenade attack was checked. Between the Oise and Aisne the French cleaned up a German trench, inflicting losses and taking prisoners. At Verdun the Germans today unsuccessfully tried to reach the French lines east of the Meuse.

Allied troops have scored the greatest victory against the Germans and Bulgars since the Balkan offensive began, it was officially announced.

Serbs Drive Back Bulgarians.

The Serbs drove the Bulgarians back ten miles in hasty retreat on the Allied left wing, capturing Garnitchevo by a brilliant bayonet charge, and the major part of the crest of Markan. Serbian cavalry pursued the retreating Bulgars and captured the village of Okesu.

British troops have captured Natchonkevo and two heights north of the latter village. On the right bank of the Vardar the French captured Bulgarian trenches to a depth of 600 yards on a front of 1,500 yards.